SFUND RECORDS CTR 1 67442 2 MYLES E. FLINT Acting Assistant Attorney General 3 Environment and Natural Resources Division PHILLIP A. BROOKS Environmental Enforcement Section 5 United States Department of Justice 1425 New York Ave. 6 Washington, D.C. 20005 CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT Telephone: (202) 514-3637 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 7 TERREE A. BOWERS 8 O United States Attorney Central District of California 9 LEON W. WEIDMAN CLERK U. S. DISTRICT COURT Assistant United States Attorney 10 Chief, Civil Division PETER HSIAO 11 Assistant United States Attorney CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA Federal Building 12 Room 7516 300 North Los Angeles Street 13 Los Angeles, California 900] Telephone: (213) 894-6117 14 Attorneys for Plaintiff United States of America 15 16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 18 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CIV 83-2501 JMI CALIFORNIA, et al., 19 M의저 1 4 1994 20 Plaintiffs. 21 22 J.B. STRINGFELLOW, JR., (Peoposed) CONSENT DECREE et al., 23 Defendants 24 25 I. BACKGROUND 26

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- 1 the Complaint in this action on April 21, 1983, against numerous 2 entities including General Steel & Wire, Co., Inc. ("General 3 : Steel") pursuant to, inter alia, Sections 106 and 107 of the 4 ii Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability 5 ii Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607, as amended, for 6 | injunctive relief and recovery of costs incurred by the United 7 | States and the State of California in responding to releases or 8 !! threatened releases of hazardous substances at the Stringfellow 9 | Superfund Site (the "Site");
- B. General Steel has participated in certain response

 actions at the Site through an Administrative Order on Consent

 Docket No. 88-17, executed by the Director, Toxic and Waste

 Management Division, EPA Region IX on May 27, 1988, and concurred

 in by the State;
 - C. General Steel ceased to do business upon the death in 1987 of its then President, James Smith, and the current owner of the company intends to dissolve the corporation and windup its affairs;
 - D. General Steel is also a defendant in an action in tort styled Newman et al. v. J.B. Stringfellow et al., Civil Action No. 165994MF, pending in the Riverside County, California, Superior Court (the "Newman Action").
 - E. General Steel's assets consist of funds obtained from settlements with the Company's insurance carriers, including \$700,000 held as a cash reserve for dissolution and winding up of

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- 1 the Company's affairs (the "General Steel Reserve Fund"); and one 2 : insurance policy for which coverage has been denied;
- 3 . F. General Steel has reached an agreement with the 4 .. plaintiffs in the Newman Action to settle the Company's liability 5 ii in that action for one half of (a) all of the proceeds of the 6 ! insurance settlements, (b) any funds remaining in the Reserve Fund 7 11 after final dissolution of the Company; and (c) the right, as a 8 | judgment creditor, to pursue the non-settling insurance carrier:
- 9 ! After payment of the agreed amount in the proposed 10 settlements in this action and in the Newman Action, General Steel will have no assets;
 - The United States, the State, and General Steel agree and : H. this Court, by entering this Decree, finds that this Consent Decree : is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, without adjudication of any issue of fact or law and upon consent of the parties hereto, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

II. JURISDICTION

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345, and 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613(b). This Court also has personal jurisdiction over General Steel. The complaints of the United States and the State state a claim upon which relief may be granted. Solely for the purposes of this Consent Decree and the underlying complaints, General Steel waives all objections and defenses that it may have to jurisdiction of the Court or to venue in this District. General

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Steel shall not challenge the terms of this Consent Decree or this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree.

3 : III. PARTIES BOUND

2. This Consent Decree is binding upon the United States, the State of California and upon General Steel and its successors and assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate or other legal status, including but not limited to any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall in no way alter the status or responsibilities of General Steel under this Consent Decree.

IV. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

3. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, terms used in this Consent Decree that are defined in CERCLA or in regulations promulgated under CERCLA shall have the meaning assigned to them in CERCLA or in such regulations. Whenever terms listed below are used in this Consent Decree or in any appendix attached hereto the following definitions shall apply:

"CERCLA" shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. \$\$ 9601 et seq.

"Consent Decree" shall mean this Decree and any attached appendices.

"EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection
Agency and any successor departments or agencies of the United
States.

"Future Response Costs" shall mean all costs, including but not limited to direct and indirect costs, that the United States

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and the State of California will incur subsequent to the entry of 2 !: this Consent Decree for response actions at the Site, including the 3 cost of performing periodic reviews of the remedial action as 4 1 required by Section 121(c) of CERCLA.

"General Steel Reserve Fund" shall mean those funds to be used. for the winding up of General Steel's corporate affairs maintained in accounts entitled Pegasus Industries Inc. - GS&W Stringfellow Reserve Accounts, Account Numbers 561002609 and 570481374, held at the Algonquin State Bank, Algonquin, Illinois.

"Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by an arabic numeral or an upper case letter.

"Parties" shall mean the United States, the State of California, and General Steel.

"Past Response Costs" shall mean all costs, including, but not limited to, direct and indirect costs, incurred by the United -States and the State of California prior to entry of this Consent Decree for response actions at the Site, and accrued interest on such costs.

"Plaintiffs" shall mean the United States and the State of California.

"Section" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by a roman numeral.

"Site" shall mean the Stringfellow Hazardous Waste Superfund Site in Riverside County, California.

"Special Stringfellow Reserve Account" shall mean the account established by the California State Legislature October 1, 1989,

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California Health and Safety Code Sections 4030.9 and 25351.8, to
provide funds for response actions taken by the State in connection
with the Site.

"State" shall mean the State of California.

"State Stringfellow Trust" shall mean an interest bearing trust established by General Steel in accordance with Paragraph 5B for the purposes of receiving all payments owed to the State pursuant to paragraphs 4B and 4C of this Consent Decree.

"Trust Agreement" shall mean the instrument used to establish the Stringfellow State Trust which shall be in the form of the unexecuted "Trust Agreement" attached to this Decree as Appendix A.

"United States" shall mean the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice acting on behalf of the EPA.

"Work" shall mean any response actions undertaken at the site by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC").

V. REIMBURSEMENT OF RESPONSE COSTS

4. As more fully set forth below, General Steel shall reimburse the United States for Past and Future Response Costs that certain other defendants in this action have not already agreed to pay pursuant to the two partial consent decrees entered in this action on October 23, 1992. General Steel shall also reimburse the State for Past and Future Response Costs expended from the Stringfellow Special Reserve Account, by providing funds for future work at the Site to be performed by the State subsequent to the entry of this Decree. The Parties agree to the following procedure

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1 for satisfaction by General Steel of its payment obligations under 2 this Consent Decree:

On May 1, 1992, General Steel in anticipation of this A. 4 . settlement, deposited \$2,848,500 with Algonquin State Bank, Algonquin, Illinois. These funds were deposited into an interest **6** : bearing account entitled: "Pegasus Industries, Inc. - GS&W Federal: 7 " Indemnity Account, " Account Number 33-301077-4 (the "Federal 8 F Indemnity Account").

Within 30 (thirty) days of the entry of this Consent Decree General Steel shall pay to the United States and the State, all monies in the Federal Indemnity Account, i.e., the \$2,848,500 deposited on May 1, 1992, plus all accrued interest from May 1, 1992. Of such funds, 70% (seventy percent) shall be paid to the United States and 30% shall be paid to the State. Payments shall be made in accordance with Paragraph 5.

C. Within 10 (ten) days of entry of this Consent Decree or upon final dissolution of General Steel and the conclusion of the winding up of its affairs, whichever is later, General Steel shall pay to the United States and the State, one half of the funds, if any, remaining in the General Steel Reserve Fund after payment of all lawful debts of the Corporation required for the wind up of its affairs and its dissolution. The other half of the funds remaining in the General Steel Reserve Fund will be paid to the plaintiffs in the Newman Action pursuant to a settlement agreement in that action. For payments from the General Steel Reserve Fund that are made to Plaintiffs herein, 70% (seventy

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percent) shall be paid to the United States and 30% (thirty percent) shall be paid to the State. Payments shall be made in accordance with Paragraph 5.

5. Payments under this Consent Decree shall be made as follows:

A. AS TO THE UNITED STATES:

Payment shall be made by Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT" or wire transfer) to the U.S. Department of Justice lockbox bank, referencing the CERCLA Number SSID 9-01, CAT 080012826 and the U.S.A.O. file number 82-22-418. Payment shall be made in accordance with instructions provided by the United States to General Steel subsequent to the execution of the Consent Decree by the United States. EFTs must be received at the U.S. D.O.J. lockbox bank by 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) in order to be credited on that day.

B. AS TO THE STATE:

Payment to the State shall be effectuated by payment of funds into the State Stringfellow Trust:

i. General Steel shall establish a trust for the purposes more fully described below (the "State Stringfellow Trust") at a California bank no later than ten working days after the effective date of this Decree. The trust instrument shall be in the form of the Trust Agreement attached to this Decree as Appendix A. The trust instrument shall name as its sole beneficiary the California Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC"). Under the terms of the State Stringfellow Trust, the Trustee shall be authorized

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- and required to disburse funds as directed by the designated State

 official for any proper purpose. As used in this Decree, a proper

 purpose is any expenditure for response action(s) taken by the

 State or its contractors in connection with the Site.
- ii. General Steel shall deposit into the State Stringfellow

 Trust, all monies to be paid to the State pursuant to Paragraphs 4B |

 and 4C of this Consent Decree.
- iii. If for any reason the State Stringfellow Trust is

 terminated prior to paying out all monies deposited for Work at the

 Site, or to the extent the Work is completed prior to the

 expenditure of all funds in the Trust, then the remaining funds

 shall be deposited in the California Hazardous Substance Account,

 established by California Health and Safety Code Section 25330.2.
 - 6. By executing the proposed Consent Decree, General Steel hereby stipulates to a judgment in favor of the State in the amount of \$3,000,000 (three million dollars) (the "Stipulated Judgment") which may be satisfied only under the terms and conditions of Paragraph 7, below.
 - 7. Upon the entry of this Consent Decree General Steel, agrees to forego all further efforts to pursue, in its own name, claims against the insurance carrier which has not prior to the date of entry of this Consent Decree settled with General Steel for policy releases (the "General Steel Nonsettling Carrier"). The General Steel Nonsettling Carrier is Insurance Company of the West ("ICW"). The State may, at its election, seek to satisfy the Stipulated Judgment by execution against up to 50% (fifty percent)

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of the face value of the policy held by General Steel and issued by the General Steel Nonsettling Carrier, under the following conditions:

A. The State hereby waives all rights and claims to more than 50% (fifty percent) of the face value of the policies issued by the General Steel Nonsettling Carrier. The State agrees and acknowledges that 50% (fifty percent) of the face value of the policies issued by the General Steel Nonsettling Carrier has been previously reserved by General Steel to settle the Newman Action. General Steel has executed a stipulated judgment in the Newman Action that entitles the Newman plaintiffs to satisfy the stipulated judgment by, inter alia, executing against 50% (fifty percent) of the face value of the policies issued by the General Steel Nonsettling Carrier to General Steel.

- B. The State agrees that it shall not at any time seek to satisfy the Stipulated Judgment under this Consent Decree by making claims in any amount against more than 50% (fifty percent) of the face value of the policies issued to General Steel by the General Steel Nonsettling Carrier, unless they have been authorized to do so by an agreement in writing with the settling plaintiffs in the Newman Action. General Steel shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to any such agreement between the Newman plaintiffs and the State.
- C. General Steel affirms that the policies issued to it by the General Steel Nonsettling Carrier will be the sole and

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- 1 exclusive remaining asset of General Steel after it makes the 2 payments required by Paragraph 4.
- 3 ; General Steel agrees to cooperate with the State in 4 any way practicable to assist the State in pursuing satisfaction of : 5 ii the Consent Decree against the General Steel Nonsettling Carrier. 6 ii General Steel, however, makes no warranty or representation 7 1 regarding the validity, existence, value and/or the enforceability 8 1 of the insurance policies issued to General Steel by ICW, and/or 9 1 the enforceability or validity of this Consent Decree as the 10 mechanism by which the State can pursue, in its own name, claims against the General Steel Nonsettling Carrier.

VI. FAILURE TO MAKE TIMELY PAYMENTS

In the event that any payment required by Section V is not 8. made when due, the United States or the State may declare this agreement null and void as to that party and take any action allowed by law.

VII. COVENANT NOT TO SUE BY PLAINTIFFS

Covenant Not to Sue by the United States. 9. consideration of the payments that will be made by General Steel under the terms of this Consent Decree, and except as specifically provided in Paragraph 12 of this Section, the United States covenants not to sue or to take administrative action against General Steel pursuant to Sections 106 or 107(a) of CERCLA relating to the Site. This covenant not to sue shall take effect upon the receipt by the United States of the payments required by Paragraph This covenant not to sue is conditioned upon the complete and

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- satisfactory performance by General Steel of its obligations under

 this Consent Decree. This covenant not to sue extends only to

 General Steel and does not extend to any other person.
- 4 :: Covenant Not to Sue by the State. In consideration of 10. 5 ii the payments that will be made by General Steel under the terms of 6 1 this Consent Decree, and except as specifically provided in 7 : Paragraph 12 of this Section, the State covenants not to sue or to 8 1 take administrative action against General Steel relating to the 9 1 Site pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA or any provision of state 10 1 law analogous to Sections 106 or 107(a) of CERCLA. This covenant 11 not to sue shall take effect upon the receipt by the State of the 12 payments required by Paragraph 4. This covenant not to sue is 13 # conditioned upon the complete and satisfactory performance by 14 # General Steel of its obligations under this Consent Decree. This 15 covenant not to sue extends only to General Steel and does not 16 extend to any other person.
 - 11. The Parties agree that General Steel shall be deemed to have satisfied all of its obligations under the Consent Decree by:
 - A. Paying to the United States and the State, in accordance with Paragraphs 4B, and 5 above, the \$2,848,500 plus accrued interest from May 1, 1992, in the Federal Indemnity Account:
 - B. Paying to the United States and the State, in accordance with Paragraphs 4C and 5 above, one-half of funds remaining in the General Steel Reserve Fund within 10 (ten) days of

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- the entry of this Consent Decree or the final dissolution of

 General Steel, which ever is later; and,
 - C. Executing any documents which may be required by the State to effectuate the rights of the State to pursue claims against General Steel's Nonsettling Carrier as a judgment creditor of General Steel, as provided for in Paragraphs 6 and 7 above. If no such documents are required to be executed by General Steel, then General Steel's execution of the Consent Decree shall be deemed satisfaction of this portion of the Consent Decree.

12. Reservation of Rights.

- A. General. The covenants not to sue set forth in the Paragraphs 9 and 10 do not pertain to any matters other than those expressly specified therein. The United States and the State reserve, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, all rights against General Steel with respect to all other matters. Except as provided in the Paragraphs 9 and 10, nothing contained herein shall in any way limit or restrict the response and enforcement authority of the United States or the State to initiate appropriate action, either judicial or administrative, under Sections 104, 106, and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604, 9606, and 9607, or any other provision of law, against General Steel or against any other person or entity not a party to this Decree.
- B. <u>Specific Reservations</u>. The covenants not to sue set forth in Paragraphs 9 and 10 do not apply, <u>inter alia</u>, to the following:

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- claims based upon failure of General Steel to (1) meet the requirements of this Consent Decree;
- (2) liability for damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources;
- (3) criminal liability;
- (4) claims for response costs incurred by any federal agencies other that those specified within the definition of "United States" in this Consent Decree.

VIII. COVENANTS BY GENERAL STEEL

- General Steel hereby covenants not to sue and agrees not to assert any claims or causes of action against the United States or the State with respect to the Site or this Consent Decree, including but not limited to, any direct or indirect claim for reimbursement from the Hazardous Substance Superfund (established pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., § 9507) through CERCLA Sections 106(b)(2), 111, 112, or 113, or any other provision of law, and General Steel further covenants not to sue and agrees not to assert any claim against the United States or the State, including any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or the State pursuant to CERCLA Sections 107 and 113, or any claims arising out of response activities at the Site. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be deemed to constitute preauthorization of a claim within the meaning of Section 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611, or 40 C.F.R. § 300.700(d).
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XI. EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT: CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION

- 14. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be construed to create any right in, or grant any cause of action to, any person not a party to this Consent Decree. Each of the Parties expressly reserves any and all rights (including, but not limited to, any right to contribution), defenses, claims, demands, and causes of action that each party may have with respect to any matter, transaction, or occurrence relating in any way to the Site against any person not a party to this Consent Decree.
- 15. With regard to claims for contribution against General Steel for matters addressed in this Consent Decree, the Parties hereto agree that, upon receipt by both the United States and the State of the payments required by Paragraph 4, General Steel is entitled to such protection from contribution actions or claims as provided by CERCLA Section 113(f)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2).
- 16. General Steel agrees that, with respect to any suit or claim for contribution brought by them for matters related to this Consent Decree, it will notify the United States and the State in writing no later than 60 days prior to the initiation of such suit or claim. General Steel also agrees that, with respect to any suit or claim for contribution brought against it for matters related to this Consent Decree it will notify in writing the United States and the State within 10 days of service of the complaint on them. In addition, General Steel shall notify the United States and the State within 10 days of service or receipt of any order from a

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1 court setting a case for trial for matters related to this Consent 2 Decree.

In any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding initiated by the United States or the State for injunctive relief, recovery of response costs, or other appropriate relief relating to: the Site, General Steel shall not assert, and may not maintain, any defense or claim based upon the principles of waiver, res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim splitting, or other defenses based upon any contention that the claims raised by the United States or the State in the subsequent proceeding were or should have been brought in the instant case; provided, however, that nothing in this Paragraph affects the enforceability of the covenants not to sue set forth in Section VII (Covenants Not To Sue by Plaintiffs).

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

General Steel shall within 30 (thirty) days of entry of 18. this Consent Decree provide to EPA copies of all documents and information within their possession or control or that of their 19 contractors or agents relating to activities at the Site, 20 ! including, but not limited to, sampling, analysis, chain of custody records, manifests, trucking logs, receipts, reports, sample traffic routing, correspondence, or other documents or information related to the Site. Notwithstanding the foregoing, General Steel 24 h shall not be required to produce any documents previously produced to the United States or the State through discovery in either this action or the Newman Action; nor shall General Steel be required to :

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- produce any documents protected by the attorney/client privilege or
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- 3 19. General Steel hereby certifies that (a) it has not 4 . altered, mutilated, discarded, destroyed or otherwise disposed of 5 : any records, documents, or other information relating to its 6 | potential liability regarding the Site since notification of 7 !! potential liability by the United States or the State or the filing: 8 1 of suit against it regarding the Site and (b) it has fully complied 9 1 with any and all EPA requests for information pursuant to Sections 10 : 104(e) and 122(e) of CERCLA and Section 3007 of RCRA.

XI. NOTICES AND SUBMISSIONS

12 20. Whenever, under the terms of this Consent Decree, written
13 notice is required to be given or a document is required to be sent
14 by one Party to another, it shall be directed to the individuals at
15 the addresses specified below, unless those individuals or their
16 successors give notice of a change to the other Parties in writing.
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XII. DISCLAIMER AND SAVINGS CLAUSE

21. By entering into this Consent Decree the United States
25 | makes no representation with respect to, nor does it express any

 $26 \parallel$ opinion on, the effect and/or propriety of any aspect of the

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- payment arrangements between the State and General Steel,
 including, but not limited to the terms of the Trust Agreement.
- 3 22. The State and General Steel agree that in the event that: 4 the court, for any reason, determines that any aspect of the Trust 5 ii Agreement or the use of the State Stringfellow Trust contemplated 6 ii by this Decree precludes the entry of this Decree, then all sums to: 7 ! be paid by General Steel pursuant to Paragraphs 4B and 4C above 8 1 shall be paid directly to the California Hazardous Substance 9 1 Account established by California Health and Safety Code Section 10 1 25330.2 as reimbursement for Past and Future Response Costs 11 incurred by the State.

XIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

23. This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Consent Decree.

VIX. LODGING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

24. This Consent Decree shall be lodged with the Court for a period of 30 (thirty) days for public notice and comment. The United States reserves the right to withdraw or withhold its consent if the comments regarding the Consent Decree disclosure facts or considerations which indicate that this Consent Decree is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. General Steel consents to the entry of this Consent Decree without further notice. If any public comments prompt the United States to seek to amend or modify the Consent Decree, General Steel's prior execution of the proposed Consent Decree shall be null and void and written consent by General Steel to any such amendments or modifications shall be

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XV. SIGNATORIES/SERVICE

- 26. The undersigned representatives of General Steel, the State, and the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice, the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the State of California Attorney General certifies he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree and to execute and legally bind such party to this document.
- 27. General Steel shall identify, on the attached signature page, the name and address of an agent who is authorized to accept service of process by mail on its behalf with respect to all matter arising under or relating to this Consent Decree.

so ordered this 8th day of March.

United States District Judge

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TRUST AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into	as of by and
between:	
GRANTOR	TRUSTEE
General Steel & Wire Company, Inc.	Trustee Name: First Interstate Bank Of California
Address:	Address: 707 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90017
x Corporation Association Partner Proprietorship In the State of	☐ Incorporated in the State of x A National Bank
	Beneficiary
	State of California Dept. of Toxic Substance Control
	Address: Dept. of Toxic Substance Control 400 "P" Street, 4th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, State of California has entered into a Consent

Decree with General Steel & Wire Company, Inc. (hereinafter "Grantor")

in the lawsuit entitled <u>United States v. J.B. Stringfellow. Jr.</u>, filed

as Case No. 83-2501 JMI in the United States Federal Court for the

Central District of California and the State of California and Grantor

have agreed that Grantor shall provide assurance that certain funds

will be available when needed for future work at the Site and for sums

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that have been or that will be spent from the Special Stringfellow Reserve Account.

WHEREAS, General Steel & Wire Co., Inc., grantor, and the State of California, beneficiary, have agreed and the Grantor has elected to establish a trust to provide for payment of all or part of the Grantor's liability for its acts or omissions at or for the Site identified herein;

WHEREAS, the Consent Decree requires that the Grantor contribute funds to the trust in specified amounts at specified times;

WHEREAS, the Grantor, acting through its duly authorized officers, has selected the trustee to be the trustee under this agreement, and the Trustee is willing to act as trustee.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Grantor and Trustee agree as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Agreement:

- (a) The term "Grantor" means General Steel & Wire Company, Inc., the hazardous waste generator who enters into this Agreement, and any successors or assigns of the Grantor.
- (b) The term "Trustee" means the First Interstate Bank of California who enters into this Agreement, and any successor Trustee.

- (c) The term "Beneficiary" means the State of California,
 Department of Toxic Substances Control, Stringfellow Project.
- (d) The term "Site" means the Stringfellow Hazardous Waste Superfund Site in Riverside County, California and depicted generally on the map attached to the 1990 ROD.
- (e) The term "Special Stringfellow Reserve Account" means the account established by the California Legislature for the purpose of paying for response actions at the Site. The Special Stringfellow Reserve Account is not located at First Interstate Bank and First Interstate Bank has no duties or obligations with regard to that account.

Section 2. Establishment of Fund. The Grantor and the Trustee hereby establish a trust fund, (the "Fund,") for the benefit of the Beneficiary. The Grantor and the Trustee intend that no third party have access to the Fund except as herein provided. The Fund is established initially as consisting of the property, which is acceptable to the Trustee, described in Schedule A attached hereto. Such property and any other property subsequently transferred to the Trustee is referred to as the Fund, together with all earnings and profits thereon, less any payments or distributions made by the Trustee pursuant to this Agreement. The Fund shall be held by the Trustee, IN TRUST, as hereinafter provided. The Trustee shall not be responsible nor shall it undertake any responsibility for the amount or adequacy of, nor any duty to collect from the Grantor, any payments

necessary to discharge any liabilities of the Grantor established by the Beneficiary.

Section 3. Disbursements from Fund. The Trustee shall make payments from the Fund as Beneficiary shall direct, in writing, to provide future work at the Site and for sums that have been or that will be spent from the special Stringfellow Reserve Account. Beth Jines, Mark Leary or their successors as project manager have been designated by the Beneficiary to direct the Trustee to make disbursements from the fund. If for any reason the trust account is closed prior to paying out all monies deposited in this trust account for work at the Site or to the extent that the work at the Site is completed prior to the monies in the trust account being fully expended the remaining monies shall at the direction of the beneficiary be deposited in the California Hazardous Substances Account, as established by California Health and Safety Code section 25330.2.

Section 4. Payments Comprising the Fund. Payments made to the Trustee for the Fund shall consist of cash or securities acceptable to the Trustee.

Section 5. Trustee Management. The Trustee shall invest and reinvest the principal and income of the Fund and keep the Fund invested as a single fund, without distinction between principal and income, in accordance with general investment policies and guidelines which the Grantor or Beneficiary may communicate in writing to the

Trustee from time to time, subject, however, to the provisions of this Section. In investing, reinvesting, selling and managing the Fund, the Trustee shall discharge his or her duties with respect to the trust fund solely in the interest of the Beneficiary and with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing which persons of prudence, acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters, would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims; except that:

- (i) Securities or other obligations of the Grantor, or any owner or operator of the Site, or any of their affiliates, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a), shall not be acquired or held, unless they are securities or other obligations of the Federal or State Government.
- (ii) The Trustee is authorized to invest the Fund in time or demand deposits of the Trustee, to the extent insured by an agency of the Federal or State Government; and
- (iii) The Trustee is authorized to hold cash awaiting investment or distribution uninvested for a reasonable time and without liability for the payment of interest thereon.

Section 6. Commingling and Investment. The Trustee is expressly authorized in its discretion:

(a) To transfer from time to time any or all of the assets

of the Fund to any common, commingled or collective trust fund created by the Trustee in which the Fund is eligible to participate, subject to all of the provisions thereof, to be commingled with the assets of other trusts participating therein; and

(b) To purchase shares in any investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. 80a-1, et seq., including one which may be created, managed, underwritten or to which investment advice is rendered or the shares of which are sold by the Trustee. The Trustee may vote such shares in its discretion.

Section 7. Express Powers of Trustee. Without in any way limiting the powers and discretion conferred upon the Trustee by the other provisions of this Agreement or by law, the Trustee is expressly authorized and empowered:

- (a) To make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all documents of transfer and conveyance and any and all other instruments that may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers herein granted;
- (b) To deposit any cash in the Fund in interest-bearing accounts maintained or savings certificates issued by the Trustee, in its separate corporate capacity, or in any other banking institution affiliated with the Trustee, to the extent insured by an agency of the Federal or State Government; and

(c) To compromise or otherwise adjust all claims in favor of or against the Fund.

Section 8. Taxes and Expenses. All taxes of any kind that may be assessed or levied against or in respect of the Fund and all brokerage commissions incurred by the Fund shall be paid from the Fund. All other reasonable expenses incurred by the Trustee in connection with the administration of this Trust, including fees for legal services rendered to the Trustee, the compensation of the Trustee to the extent not paid directly by the Grantor, and all other proper charges and disbursements of the Trustee shall be paid from the Fund.

Section 9. Annual Valuation. The Trustee shall annually, at least 30 days prior to the anniversary date of establishment of the Fund, furnish to the Grantor and to Beneficiary a statement confirming the value of the Trust. Any securities in the Fund shall be valued at market value as of no more than 60 days prior to the anniversary date of establishment of the Fund. The failure of the Grantor or Beneficiary to object in writing to the Trustee within 90 days after the statement has been furnished to the Grantor and Beneficiary shall constitute a conclusively binding assent by the Grantor or Beneficiary, barring the Grantor or Beneficiary from asserting any claim or liability against the Trustee with respect to matters disclosed in the statement.

Section 10. Advice of Counsel. The Trustee may from time

to time consult with counsel, who may be counsel to the Grantor, with respect to any question arising as to the construction of this Agreement or any action to be taken hereunder. The Trustee shall be fully protected, to the extent permitted by law, in acting upon the advice of counsel.

Section 11. Trustee Compensation. The Trustee shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for its services as agreed upon in writing from time to time with the Grantor or Beneficiary. The Trustee's compensation shall be paid from the fund.

Section 12. Successor Trustee. The Trustee may resign or the Grantor or Beneficiary may replace the Trustee, but such resignation or replacement shall not be effective until the Grantor or Beneficiary has appointed a successor trustee and this successor accepts the appointment. The successor trustee shall have the same powers and duties as those conferred upon the Trustee hereunder. Upon the successor trustee's acceptance of the appointment, the Trustee shall assign, transfer and pay over to the successor trustee the funds and properties then constituting the Fund. If, for any reason, the Grantor or Beneficiary cannot or does not act in the event of the resignation of the Trustee, the Trustee may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor trustee or for instructions. The successor trustee shall specify the date on which it assumes administration of the trust in a writing sent to the Grantor, if it exists, Beneficiary, and the present Trustee by certified mail ten days before such change becomes effective. Any

expenses incurred by the Trustee as a result of any of the acts contemplated by this section shall be paid as provided in Section 9.

Section 13. Instructions to the Trustee. All orders, requests and instructions by the Grantor or Beneficiary to the Trustee shall be in writing, signed by such persons as are designated in the attached Consent Decree or such other designees as the Grantor or Beneficiary may designate by amendment in writing. The Trustee shall be fully protected in acting without inquiry in accordance with the Grantor's or Beneficiary's orders, requests and instructions. All orders, requests and instructions by the Beneficiary to the Trustee shall be in writing, signed by the Beneficiary's designees, and the Trustee shall act and shall be fully protected in acting in accordance with such orders, requests and instructions. The Trustee shall have the right to assume, in the absence of written notice to the contrary, that no event constituting a change or a termination of the authority of any person to act on behalf of the Grantor or the Beneficiary hereunder has occurred. The Trustee shall have no duty to act in the absence of such orders, requests and instructions from the Grantor and/or Beneficiary, except as provided for herein. In the event of the dissolution of the Grantor the Grantor shall notify Trustee within 30 days of the effective date of such dissolution.

Section 13A. Dissolution of Grantor. Trustee understands and acknowledges that it is the intent of Grantor, upon establishment of the Trust, to dissolve as a corporation under applicable California law. Grantor intends to have no continuing obligations under the

Trust, and intends that all instructions to Trustee regarding disbursement of funds, or any other matters which may arise in connection with the Trust, will be issued by the Beneficiary and not by Grantor.

Section 14. Notice of Nonpayment. The Trustee shall notify the Grantor, if the Grantor still exists, and the Beneficiary, within 20 days following the expiration of the 30-day period after the entry of the Consent Decree of the establishment of the Trust, if no payment is received from the Grantor or Beneficiary during that period. After the pay-in period is completed, the Trustee shall not be required to send a notice of nonpayment.

Section 15. Notices. All notes, demands and requests given or required to be given shall be in writing, and shall be given by hand or by overnight courier, or shall be mailed by first class, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and shall be given as follows:

As to the State:

Beth Jines
DTSC
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, CA 95812-0806
Re: United States v. J.B. Stringfellow, et al.

Steve Koyasako
Office of Legal Counsel
DTSC
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, CA 95812-0806
Re: United States v. J.B. Stringfellow, et al.

Don Robinson
Deputy Attorney General
300 South Spring St., 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Re: United States v. J.B. Stringfellow. et al.

As to General Steel:

Deborah C. Prosser Thomas, Luebs & Mort 3737 Main Street, Ste. 1010 P.O. Box 1609 Riverside, CA 92502

Walt Tashjian Pegasus Industries 8807 Cary Algonquin Road Cary, IL 60013

Bruce White Karaganis & White, Ltd. 414 N. Orleans Street Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60610

As to Trustee:

First Interstate Bank of California 707 Wilshire Blvd. W-10-2 Los Angeles, CA 90017 Attn: Roger Facklam

Section 16. Amendment of Agreement. This agreement may be amended by an instrument in writing executed by the Grantor, the Trustee and the Beneficiary, or by the Trustee and the Beneficiary, if the Grantor ceases to exist.

Section 17. Irrevocability and Termination. Subject to the right of the parties to amend this Agreement as provided in Section 16, this Trust shall be irrevocable and shall continue until terminated at the written agreement of the Grantor, the Trustee, and the Beneficiary, or by the Trustee and the Beneficiary, if the Grantor

ceases to exist. Upon termination of the Trust, all remaining trust property, less final trust administration expenses, shall be delivered to the beneficiary and deposited into the California Hazardous Substances Account referenced in Section 4.

shall not incur personal liability of any nature in connection with any act or omission, made in good faith, in the administration of this Trust, or in carrying out any directions by the Grantor or the Beneficiary issued in accordance with this Agreement. The Trustee shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Grantor or from the Trust Fund, or both, from and against any personal liability to which the Trustee may be subjected by reason of any act or conduct in its official capacity, including all expenses reasonably incurred in its defense in the event the Grantor fails to provide such defense.

Section 19. Choice of Law. This Agreement shall be administered, construed and enforced according to the laws of the State of California.

Section 20. Interpretation. As used in this Agreement, words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural including the singular. The description headings for each Section of this Agreement shall not affect the interpretation or the legal efficacy of this Agreement.

Section 21. Binding Effect; Successors and Assigns. This

Trust Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the respective parties hereto and their successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers duly authorized and their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested as of the date first above written: The parties below certify that this document is being executed in accordance with the requirements of Article 17, Title 22, California Administrative Code.

General Steel and Wire Co. Inc.	
Signed:	Title:
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing	Seal:
Attested Title	-
First Interstate Bank of California	
Signed:	Title:
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing	Seal:
Attested Title	
Signed:	Title:
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing	Seal:
Attested Title	

State of California Department of Toxic Substance Control	
Signed:	Title:
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing	Seal (if applicable):
Attested Title	

SCHEDULE A

This Agreement pertains to the following funds which shall be deposited in trust:

- 1. Thirty percent (30%) of the "Response Cost Fund" as defined in the Consent Decree, and consisting of principal in the amount of \$745,350.00, with accrued interest, which is currently being held in Algonquin State Bank, Algonquin, Illinois;
- 2. Thirty percent (30%) of funds remaining in the "Reserve Fund" (as defined in the Consent Decree) following the dissolution of the General Steel & Wire Co. Inc. and the conclusion of the winding up of its affairs.

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7	 I am over the age of 18 years and am not a party to this case.
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9	 My business address is 1425 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.
10	3. I am employed in the office of a member of the California Bar or person entitled to practice before this District
11	Court at whose direction I deposited the attached
12	NOTICE OF LODGING
13	with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid on May 250, 1993, addressed to Plaintiffs, Defendants, and Intervenors as
14	identified on the MASTER SERVICE LIST.
15	I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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